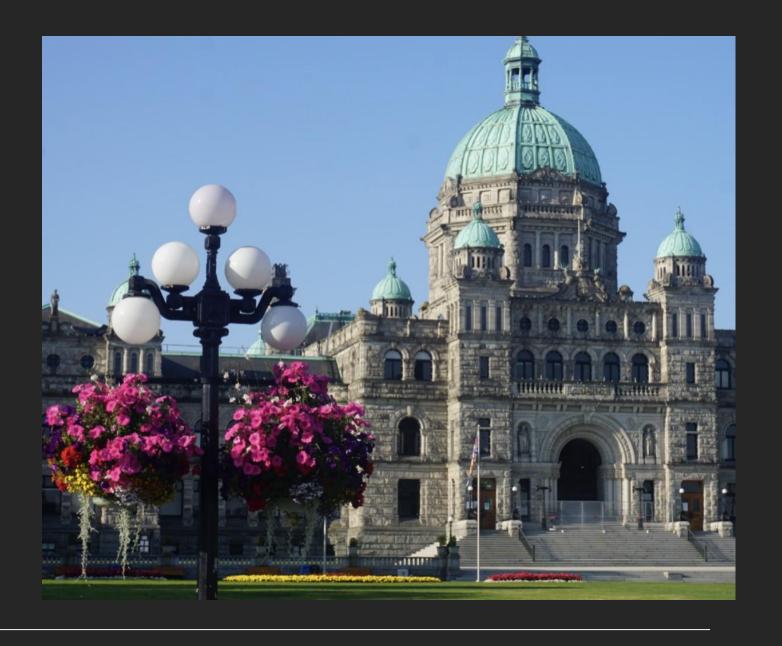
## The Three Visitors

GENESIS 18

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"When we pray for leaders, we influence how they influence culture."



"It doesn't matter to the devil what side of an argument you are on, as long as you use carnal means to tear down the other person."

Bill Johnson

## As I look back over my life and realize that I have made my worst decisions when:

- 1 I am scared
- 2 I am bored
- 3 I am hurt
- 4 I am tired
- 5 I am angry

"The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak."

Hans Hofmann

# "There is no substitute for time spent and relationships built"

## The "People Care" Business

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"So then, while we [as individual believers] have the opportunity, let us do good to all people [not only being helpful, but also doing that which promotes their spiritual well-being], and especially [be a blessing] to those of the household of faith."

Galatians 6:10 AMP

There are no ordinary people...Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbour is the holiest object presented to your senses".

C.S. Lewis

## Genesis 18:1-8

The Lord appeared again to Abraham near the oak grove belonging to Mamre. One day Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent during the hottest part of the day. <sup>2</sup> He looked up and noticed three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran to meet them and welcomed them, bowing low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup> "My lord," he said, "if it pleases you, stop here for a while. <sup>4</sup> Rest in the shade of this tree while water is brought to wash your feet. <sup>5</sup> And since you've honored your servant with this visit, let me prepare some food to refresh you before you continue on your journey."

## Genesis 18:1-8

"All right," they said. "Do as you have said."

<sup>6</sup>So Abraham ran back to the tent and said to Sarah, "Hurry! Get three large measures<sup>[a]</sup> of your best flour, knead it into dough, and bake some bread."<sup>7</sup>Then Abraham ran out to the herd and chose a tender calf and gave it to his servant, who quickly prepared it.

<sup>8</sup> When the food was ready, Abraham took some yogurt and milk and the roasted meat, and he served it to the men. As they ate, Abraham waited on them in the shade of the trees.

## Genesis 18: 9-15

- <sup>9</sup> "Where is Sarah, your wife?" the visitors asked.
- "She's inside the tent," Abraham replied.
- <sup>10</sup>Then one of them said, "I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!"

Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. <sup>12</sup> So she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?"

#### Genesis 18: 9-15

<sup>13</sup>Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Can an old woman like me have a baby?' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

<sup>15</sup> Sarah was afraid, so she denied it, saying, "I didn't laugh."

But the Lord said, "No, you did laugh."

"For Jesus, the congruence between the inner and the outer—the heart and the mouth, the motivations and the behavior, the public and the private—is a crucial matter of integrity before God."

